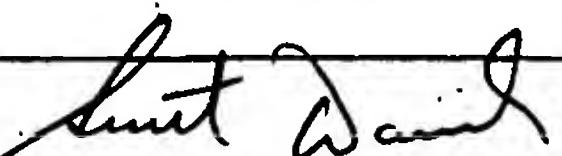


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| U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE | | DATE: July 19, 2006 |
| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 | | U.S. Application No. (if known): 10/586583 |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.: PCT/JP2005/000477 | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE: January 17, 2005 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED: January 23, 2004 |
| TITLE OF INVENTION: A WATER COLLECTING STRUCTURE AND DRAINAGE STRUCTURE USING THE SAME | | |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Masahiro SHIMONO et al. | | |
| <p>Applicant hereby submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US) 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). | | |
| ITEMS 11. TO 20. BELOW CONCERN OTHER DOCUMENT(S) OR INFORMATION INCLUDED: | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 together with the international search report, PTO/SB/08 and 3 documents. 12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. ASSIGNEE NAME AND ADDRESS: <u>ITO YOGYO CO., LTD., Hyogo, Japan</u> Please publish the assignee data with the application. 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. 14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 C.F.R. 1.821 - 1.825. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: 6 sheets of drawings | | |

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| U.S. APPLICATION NO. if known 10/580589 | INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. | DATE: July 19, 2006 | |
| The following fees are submitted: | | CALCULATIONS | PTO USE ONLY |
| 21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic National Stage Fee \$300 22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Stage Examination Fee If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) All other situations 23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Stage Search Fee Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office All other situations | | \$ 150.00 \$ 100.00 \$ 200.00 \$ 200.00 \$ 450.00 | |
| ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT = | | | |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)). | | | |
| CLAIMS | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE |
| TOTAL | 6 - 20 | 0 | X \$ 50.00 |
| INDEPENDENT | 1 - 3 | 0 | X \$ 200.00 |
| Multiple dependent claims(s) (if applicable) | | + \$360.00 | \$ 180.00 |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = | | | |
| National Stage Application Size Fee-for each additional 50 sheets that exceeds 100 sheets \$ 250.00. | | | |
| Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). | | | |
| SUBTOTAL = | | \$ 630.00 | |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). + | | | |
| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = | | | |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property + | | \$ 40.00 | |
| TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = | | \$ 670.00 | |
| | | Amount to be: refunded charged | \$ |
| a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ 670.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed. (\$150.00 for basic national stage fee; \$200.00 for national stage search fee; \$100.00 for national stage examination fee; \$180 for Multiple dependents and \$40.00 for the assignment recordation fee). | | | |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-2866 in the amount of \$____ to cover the above fees. | | | |
| c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2866. | | | |
| NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed to request that the application be restored to pending status. | | | |
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| Typed or Printed Name: Scott M. Daniels | | Reg. No.: 32,562 | |
| Signature  | | Date: July 19, 2006 | |